GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:440
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2006
IMPORT OF COCONUT OIL
Singh Shri Sitaram

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of coconut oil has increased during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is an adverse affect of import of Coconut oil on the domestic edible oil industry; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to safeguard the interests of the coconut growers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 440 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.05.2006 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): The requisite information in respect of the import of coconut oil is as under:

Year (April-March)	Quantity(in tonnes)
2003-04	13760
2004-05	12713
2005-06 (April-September)	1631

Source: Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

(c) & (d): As the quantity of imported coconut oil as a percentage of domestic coconut oil is negligible, there is no adverse impact on the domestic oil industry or on coconut growers.